

**SCHAUMBURG, IL** – Congresswoman Melissa Bean (IL-08) is sponsoring a registration session to assist recently relocated evacuees from the Gulf Coast and their host families in the Eighth District.

Bean's staff will be available on Friday, September 30 and Saturday, October 1 from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Lake County Emergency Operations Center located at 1303 N. Milwaukee Ave in Libertyville.

Bean's office will help evacuees contact the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and officially register their new location with the federal government. This will allow them to receive qualifying federal aid such as benefits from Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid or the Veteran's Administration. Her office can also help provide expedited housing assistance and replace lost documents or records such as driver's licenses, passports and Social Security cards.

In addition, FEMA can help locate missing loved ones and register evacuees with the appropriate organizations to help their loved ones find them.

**“Shortly after the hurricane struck the Gulf Coast, Congress reconvened to provide funding to assist with recovery efforts,” Bean said, “While we rightfully concentrate our attention on the areas devastated by this disaster, we must also ensure that the people who’ve relocated to our own local communities are receiving any needed assistance and attention as well.”**

Several families throughout Lake, Cook and McHenry Counties have opened their homes to evacuees from the Gulf Coast. Bean is encouraging any of these families or evacuees to contact her office at (847) 519-3434 or attend one of the sessions.

□ **“At a time when our fellow Americans are struggling to recover from the tragedy of Hurricane Katrina, I am proud so many of my constituents have embraced those in need,” Bean said.**

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